

# **SAVANNAH'S ANTI-POVERTY TASK FORCE**

## **Meeting Summary**

Tuesday, August 24, 2004, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
City of Savannah - Civic Center

### **I. Welcome**

Attending: Dr. Victoria Bertolozzi, Alan Bray, Valerie Brown, Carole Fireall, Gwen Glover, Pauline Haywood, Hope Jones, Julie Lamy, Bridget Lidy, Bernie Polite, Charlotte Rehmert, Letitia Robinson, Letty Shearer, Vicky Sutton-Jackson, Ruthann Walsh, Ebony White, Tom Wilson.

### **II. Housekeeping**

- A. The Task Force contact list was circulated for corrections and additions.
- B. The information contained on the listserve has been moved to web pages accessed through the City of Savannah website. For the fastest route to access information about the Task Force including past meeting summaries and agendas: go to [www.SavannahGA.gov](http://www.SavannahGA.gov), in the upper right hand corner - search for *Savannah's Anti-Poverty Task Force*, click on the first link and voila.

### **III. Review of last meeting**

- A. Review of findings from the July Task Force meeting  
UGA conducted a Service Provider Listening Forum at the July 28 Task Force meeting. No meeting summary was produced. Instead a summary of the forum responses was presented by Carole Fireall. The July 28 forum summary is attached.
- B. Forums and the Action Plan  
UGA will synthesize the forum feedback with the remaining two (2) targeted group forums (educators, faith-based leaders) and the four (4) public forums. Based on Task Force feedback, the forum questions have been slightly adjusted to better collect information at future forums.

### **IV. Programs Addressing the Five (5) Barriers**

- A. Awareness for Forum Participants  
At the forums, forum participants will review a list of Savannah programs addressing the five targeted barriers (education/workforce development, affordable housing, transportation, child/eldercare, healthcare). The purpose of the program review is to increase public awareness of existing programs and to ensure the list is complete.
- B. Development of Continuum of Care  
The City is contracting with an individual to develop the beginning of a continuum of care for each of the 5 barriers. The Continuum will be included in the Action Plan and will be adapted as new programs are developed thru the Action Plan.

### **V. Action Plan Development**

- A. Logic Model  
The Task Force is using the Kellogg Foundation's logic model to organize and measure subcommittee, forum and symposium responses to the action plan. Peggy Herrman of Carl Vinson Institute is working with the Ad-hoc committee to both organize past, current and future Task Force work with the logic model and to organize the symposium.

B. Subcommittee Reports

The Task Force reviewed and commented on Subcommittee and overall Task Force Assumptions/Factors and Recommendations. The edited versions are attached below and will be adapted for the logic model, synthesized with the forum and symposium input and included within the Action Plan. The Task Force will have an opportunity to comment on the Final Draft of the Action Plan in December or January.

**VI. Next Steps**

A. More Action Plan Development

1. City staff, subcommittee chairs and the Ad-hoc committee will work throughout the fall to identify measurable outcomes (service change and people change) for the action plan recommendations.
  - a) Task Force members were asked to review a list of upcoming Task Force events and identify the events they plan to attend. Various roles need to be filled including greeting participants, set up and take down. The calendar of events and potential Task Force role list is attached.
  - b) The Resource Collaboration Subcommittee is asking all Task Force members to send a letter to Bellsouth requesting the development of a Services Section in the phonebook. A template of the letter will be e-mailed to Task Force members and Task Force members will be asked to sign and send the letter on their organization's letterhead. Valerie Brown, the subcommittee chair will be e-mailing the letter no later than the end of September.**

B. Task Force Role

1. The Task Force will not meet formally until December. The Task Force's current membership will expire at the end of the year and the Task Force will reform to take on a new task – implementation of the Action Plan.
2. The last role for the current Task Force is review of the final draft of the Action Plan.
3. From September thru November, the City will e-mail monthly Task Force updates which will include the status of ongoing projects and upcoming events.